

the visual angle compensating film being provided with at least one of an antistatic layer and an antistatic treatment, the antistatic layer having conductive particulates, the conductive particulates include any of Pd, Pt, Ru, Ag, Au, Ti, In, Cu, Cr, Fe, Zn, Sn, Ta, W, Pb, HfB₂, ZrB₂, LaB₆, CeB₆, YB₄, GdB₄, TiC, ZrC, HfC, TaC, SiC, WC, TiN, ZrN, HfN, Si and Ge.

17. (Twice Amended) A projector, comprising:

a light source;

an electro-optical apparatus that forms an optical image from a light beam emitted from the light source;

a projection lens that projects a light beam emitted from the electro-optical apparatus;

a light transmitting substrate, at least one surface of the light transmitting substrate being provided with at least one of an antistatic layer and an antistatic treatment, the antistatic layer having conductive particulates, the conductive particulates include any of Pd, Pt, Ru, Ag, Au, Ti, In, Cu, Cr, Fe, Zn, Sn, Ta, W, Pb, HfB₂, ZrB₂, LaB₆, CeB₆, YB₄, GdB₄, TiC, ZrC, HfC, TaC, SiC, WC, TiN, ZrN, HfN, Si and Ge; and

an optical compensating sheet disposed adjacent to at least one of a light source side and a projection lens side of the electro-optical apparatus, the visual angle compensating film being bonded to the light transmitting substrate.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 16 and 17 are amended.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative at the January 28 personal interview. The substance of the discussion held is incorporated into the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claims 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Specifically the Office Action states a visual angle compensating film is not well known in the art. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 16 and 17 have been amended to recite "an optical compensating sheet" in accordance with the discussion of the January 28 personal interview. Furthermore, Ito et al. clearly refers to an optical compensating sheet which gives an enlarged viewing angle. This is clearly the same as a visual angle compensating film, as originally recited in claims 16 and 17.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,375,328 to Hashizume et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the assertion that the use SnO^2 , as disclosed in Hashizume is an obvious variant of the use of Sn.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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Appendix

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claims:

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a light transmitting substrate, at least one surface of the light transmitting substrate being provided with at least one of an antistatic layer and an antistatic treatment, the antistatic layer having conductive particulates, the conductive particulates include any of Pd,

Pt, Ru, Ag, Au, Ti, In, Cu, Cr, Fe, Zn, Sn, Ta, W, Pb, HfB₂, ZrB₂, LaB₆, CeB₆, YB₄, GdB₄, TiC, ZrC, HfC, TaC, SiC, WC, TiN, ZrN, HfN, Si and Ge; and

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